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Subject: Patent Application Serial No. 09/867,063
Title: Dry Ink Transfer System
Our Reference: CLR-103US

Dear Examiner Dicus:

This letter makes a record of our conversation of this morning with respect to the above matter. You indicated that the docket clerks in your department are in the process of locating the "Notice of Informal or Non-Responsive Amendment" which the PAIR system dates as January 6, 2004. This is the notice that we have never received -- either back in January or in June/July when we were inquiring as to status.

When Ms. Whipper spoke with you two days ago (November 16, 2004), both she and you again checked the PAIR system (during the phone call) and, while seeing reference to the notice on the "File History" list, neither of you was able to obtain the document in the normal fashion -- i.e., from the image file wrapper. This was also our experience in June/July when we were attempting to understand what was going on -- or not going on. As of today, we have still neither received nor seen the alleged notice. In fact, during the November 16 phone call, you indicated that, if you found the notice, you would fax the notice to us after speaking with your supervisor.

In our telephone call with you of this morning, you stated that if the notice is found and the PTO determines that there was a PTO error, the time will be reset. (Of course, in dealing with this matter, we recognize that the PTO may determine that there is no need for a notice, in which case you will be able to act on the amendment which is already of record.) In any event, we again reiterate that we never received the supposed notice.

Incidentally, upon checking the PAIR system today since we called you, we find that the subject notice is no longer even listed in the "File History" list, even though it was on the list just two days ago. While we did not print out a copy of the list two days ago, we did print it out in

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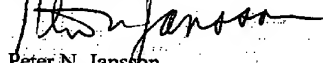
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July. A copy of that print-out is attached as Exhibit A and a copy of today's print-out, with the notice no longer on the list, is attached as Exhibit B. We are guessing that the PTO has now determined that such notice, if created, was never mailed -- or perhaps that there is no need for any such notice.

We look forward to hearing from you in the next few days in connection with this matter.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,



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Application Type:	Utility	Status Date:	01-06-2004
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Confirmation Number:	6733	Earliest Publication No:	US 2002-0182384 A1
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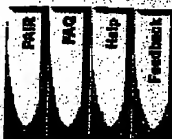
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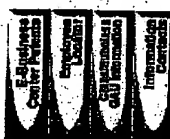
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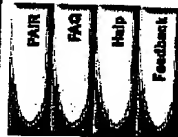
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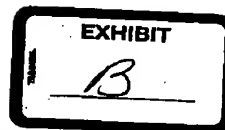
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